



BIOGRAPHY and COURT PRACTICES

MAGISTRATE JUDGE LISA PUPO LENIHAN

Magistrate Judge Lisa Pupo Lenihan

was born in Kulpmont, Pennsylvania to Albert and Vilma Pupo. She graduated cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh in 1980 and magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1983, where she was a member of the Law Review.

She worked as an associate with the law firm of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote from 1983 until 1986. In 1987 she was one of five founding partners of the law firm Burns, White & Hickton and became managing partner of the firm in 1997. In 2000 she joined the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center as Corporate Secretary and Assistant Counsel. She was appointed to the bench on April 2, 2004.

From 1998 to 2004 she served on the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners, appointed by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court as board chairperson from 2002 to 2004. Magistrate Judge Lenihan is a member of the Board of Visitors for the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and is past president, and current member, of the Law Alumni Association's Board of Governors. She served as Co-chair of the PBA's Commission on Women in the Profession in 1998 and remains a member of the Commission. Lenihan was also a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Independence.

She currently serves on the Board of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and the Parental Stress Center and has served on various other non-profit boards in the Pittsburgh area. She has lectured for PBI and published numerous articles in various legal journals. She co-chaired the ACBA Gender Equality Task Force and serves on the Executive Council of the Women in the Law Division of the ACBA. She is a past member of the ACBA Judiciary Committee, along with various other ACBA sections.

Magistrate Judge Lenihan was the recipient of the "Susan B. Anthony Award" given by the Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania in 2004; the University of Pittsburgh School of Law Women's Association "Woman of the Year" award in 1999 and the Carlow College "Woman of Spirit" award in 1998.

Perhaps most importantly, she is the proud mother of Patrick, Alexandra and Christopher Lenihan.